

Highlights

This issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly* contains estimates of natural gas data through May 2002 for many data series at the national level. National-level natural gas prices are available through December 2001 (electric utilities), February (residential, commercial, and industrial), and April (wellhead). State-level data generally are available through February 2002, although underground storage data are available through March 2002.

Recent analyses of the natural gas industry are available on the EIA web site, www.eia.doe.gov under "Featured Topics" to the right side of the home page. The first two reports listed below are updated regularly. These reports are:

- *Weekly Gas Storage Report* — a weekly report containing estimates of natural gas in underground storage for the United States and three regions of the United States released each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the EIA Web site, except for certain weeks with Federal holidays. The report, first released on May 9, 2002, contains estimates of storage for the current and

prior week and comparisons to previous periods. Links are provided to papers describing survey Form EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Natural Gas Survey," and the estimation methodology.

- *Natural Gas Weekly Update* - a current analysis of the industry each week, including information on natural gas spot and futures prices and storage activities. This page also provides links to numerous other EIA sites dealing with natural gas.
- *Short-Term Energy Outlook* - projections of energy consumption, supply, and price by type of fuel, including natural gas, for the next 18 months.

Other natural gas data and analyses may be found through the "Natural Gas" section of EIA's web site. In the center section of the home page, the user should place the cursor on "By Fuel," then click on "Natural Gas" in the drop-down menu.

Deletion of STIFS

Beginning with the June issue, the *Natural Gas Monthly* will no longer include estimates from the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Short-Term Integrated Forecasting Systems (STIFS) model computations for Table 1, 2, 3, and 9. These estimates can be found online at the EIA Website: www.eia.doe.gov.

Consumption by Electric Utilities

Data for natural gas consumption by electric utilities are not available for January 2002 in this issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly*. However, consumption data for the other end use sectors are available. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) expects to release the January 2002 electricity consumption data before the May issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly* becomes available. They will be included in Table 41 of the next issue of the *Electric Power Monthly* report. You may find this report on the EIA web site. Click on the by-fuel section of the home page and select electricity. The URL to get directly to the *Electric Power Monthly* is: http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/epm/epm_sum.html.